

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 has been canceled and claim 2 has been amended as follows:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (currently amended): ~~[[The]]~~ A suture thread shifting device ~~according to Claim 1,~~
~~wherein the front edge is bisected, the lengths of bisected portions are different from each other, and~~
~~the surfaces of the bisected portions are smoothly curved, wherein even when an incision portion of~~
~~a surface layer of a human body is small, a front edge of the device has a sectional configuration~~
~~suitable for allowing the front edge to reach a region in arthroscopic or endoscopic viewing field and~~
~~the device with the suture thread engaging in the front edge can shift the suture thread from a~~
~~position on the operating surgeon's side to a position remove from the operating surgeon, the front~~
~~edge is bisected, the lengths of bisected portions are different from each other, and the surfaces of~~
~~the bisected portions are smoothly curved.~~